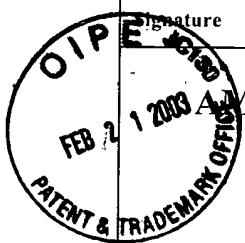


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This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated August 14, 2002 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before November 14, 2002. A three-month extension of time is being filed herewith making this amendment due on February 14, 2003. Accordingly, a response is timely filed. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the title of the invention with the following rewritten title:

--NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULE ENCODING A CLASP-3 MEMBRANE PROTEIN--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

C This application claims priority to U.S. Application Ser. Nos. 60/240,508, 60/240,503, 60/240,539, 60/240,543, 09/687,837 (all filed Oct. 13, 2000); 09/547,276, 60/196,267, 60/196,527, 60/196,528, 60/196,460 (all filed Apr. 11, 2000); 60/182,296 (filed Feb. 14, 2000), 60/176,195 (filed Jan. 14, 2000), 60/170,453 (filed Dec. 13, 1999), 60/162,498 (filed Oct. 29, 1999), 60/160,860 (filed Oct. 21, 1999).
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